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OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH Howard College Library

Big Spring Church, Autauga Co, Ala.,

Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 1 and 2, 1890.

OFFICERS.

A. J. BROOKS, Moderator.....Verbena, Ala.
W. J. RUDDICK, Clerk.....Ruddick, "
K. WELLS, Treasurer.....Verbena, "

The next session will be held with Mt. Carmel Church, Chilton County, Ala., on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1891.

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—H. C. Adair.....Verbena, Ala.
Home Missions—J H Chandler.....Clanton, "
Foreign Missions—J. W Mitchell.....Six Mile, "
Education—W. J. Ruddick.....Ruddick, "
Ministerial Education—H. W. Caffey.....Verbena, "
Temperance—W. B. Strock.....Verbena, "
Family Training—P. C. Dennis.....Coopers, "
Bible Schools—A. A Dyer.....Stanton, "
Religious Literature—O P. Bentley.....Clanton, "

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, 10 to 11 a. m.
2. 11 a. m., Introductory Sermon.
3. Call to order.
4. Letters read.
5. Organization.
6. Rules of Decorum.
7. Ministers not messengers invited to seats.
8. Admission of new Churches.
9. Correspondence received and returned.
10. Appoint Committees to report this session—
    - On Preaching.
    - Letters and Documents.
    - Aged and Infirm Ministers and Families of Deceased Ministers.
    - Deceased Ministers.
    - Finance.
    - To select Preacher of next Introductory Sermon.
    - Select Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.
11. Committees to report next session—
    - On Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
    - Education.
    - Ministerial Education.
    - Temperance
    - Sabbath Schools.
    - Family Training.
    - Religious Literature.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. The business of the session will be taken up, so as to insure proper time for debate and economy of time.

MINUTES.

1. The Unity Baptist Association met in its thirty-sixth annual session at Big Spring church, Autauga county, Ala., Oct, 1, 1890.

2. Devotional exercises were engaged in for thirty minutes, conducted by Eld. A. Andrews.

3. Introductory sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by J. W. Mitchell. Text, Matt. 5:14, 16. Subject, "The Christian a Light."

4. Intermission of one hour was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. At 1 p. m. the Moderator, A. J. Brooks, called the Association to order. The 90th Psalm was read, and the body was led in prayer by T. J. Billingsley.

6. A motion to refer the letters to the committee on Letters and Documents was lost.

7. J. W. Mitchell and J. E. Terry were appointed to read the letters.

8. The following delegates were enrolled:

Alpine—Letter; no delegates.
Autaugaville—O. W. Sherrer, M. Falkner, M. Hicks.
Bethel—G. W. Weaver
Bethesda—T. J. Deason, J. H. Bates, G. W. Wyatt.
Bethsalem—A. T. Hathcock, W. H. Wilkins.
Big Spring—Wm. Willis, Joel Spigner, J. M. Willis, J. N. Billingsley, G. D. Apperson, S. F. Spigner.
Bozeman—Letter; no delegates.
Cane Creek—W. C. Giles.
Chestnut Creek—J. W. G. Kicker, P. C. Dennis, J. H. Griffis.
Chestnut Hill—Jno. Haly.
Clanton—J. H. Chandler, O. P. Bentley.
Corinth—W. D. Goss, R. D. May.
Ebenezer—A. A. Dyer.
Evergreen—W. W. Caffee, W. Overstreet, J. L. Wright, R. J. Bishop.
Fellowship—J. D. Friday, J. E. Terry.
Harmony—J. Griffis, H. E. Wallace, W. Ivy, J. L. Golson.
Mt. Carmel—W. J. Ruddick, J. H. Longcrier, G. W. Patrick.
Mulberry—J. L. Williams, S K. Rasberry, E. J. Hayes, J. J. Veasy.
New Prospect—G. W. Coburn, J. N. Cook.
Plantersville—P. M. Moore.
Pilgrim's Rest—John Rawlinson, John Sims.
Providence—J. R. Thomas, R. E. Jones.
Sardis—S. B. McCary, J. L. Hayes.
Shady Grove—A. Andrews, O. Moore.
Shiloh—T. J. Billingsley, R. L. Williams.
Valley Creek—J. W. Runnels, D. Mitchell, J. W. Mitchell, W. T. Mitchell.
Verbena—W. C. Adair, K. Wells, W. B. Strock, H. W. Caffey, A. J. Brooks.

9. On motion of O. W. Sherrer, the rules were suspended and the officers of last year were unanimously re-elected.

10. The Rules of Decorum were read.

11. Ministers not messengers were invited to seats.

12. Petitionary letters were called for and Salem church responded.

13. On motion, it was received and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the delegates, J. C. Alred and J. C. Callaway.

14. The following brethren were enrolled as correspondents: G. E. Brewer, from Harris Association and agent of American Baptist Publication Society; J. M. Connell, from Mulberry Association; W. N. Huckabee, from Pine Barren Association; W. B. Crumpton, secretary State Mission Board; C. W. Hare, Alabama Baptist and Ministerial Education.

15. The following was adopted as a standing resolution:

Resolved, That any brethren who may attend any of our sister associations are authorized to present themselves as correspondents.

16. Appointed delegates to the State Convention: J. W. Mitchell, W. J. Ruddick, P. M. Moore, C. W. Hare, J. H. Chandler, O. P. Bentley, H. W. Caffee, A J. Brooks, G. W. Cobern, G. W. Taylor.

17. The Moderator appointed the committees to report this session:

On Preaching—Deacons of Big Spring.
Letters and Documents—J. H. Chandler, P. M. Moore, J. E. Terry.
Periodicals—H. W. Caffey, G. W. Patrick, A. T. Hathcock.
Aged and Infirm Ministers—G. W. Cobern, Jos. Alred, W. D. Goss.
Deceased Ministers—W. B. Strock, James Griffis, J. H. Longcrier.
Finance—A. A. Dyer, E P. Bentley, G. W. Taylor.
To Select Preachers for Next Session and Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—O. W. Sherrer, J. L. Williams, S. B. McCary.
Special Committee—J. W. Mitchell, J. H. Bates, E. J. Hayes.

18. While the Moderator was selecting the above committees, W. B. Crumpton addressed the Association on General Topics.

19. The Moderator appointed the following, as:

Sub-Ministerial Board—W. J. Ruddick, P. M. Moore, T. D. Dubose.
Executive Committee—A. J. Brooks, K. Wells, H. W. Caffee, T. L. Jones, P. C. Dennis.

20. W. J. Ruddick read his statement about cash paid to have letters printed. On motion, he was instructed to have letters printed and sent to clerks.

21. W. N. Huckabee reported from the committee to purchase a monument for H. E. Longcrier. That the committee was in favor of placing it at Plantersville, but referred the whole matter to the Association, and reported further that the monument selected cost $7.85 more than was subscribed.

22. On motion, the monument is to be placed at the grave and the balance due was paid by collection; P. M. Moore, committee.

23. W. J. Ruddick read his report as pastor at Autaugaville and it was referred to the Executive committee.

24. 4 p. m. The Association was led in prayer by W. J. Ruddick in behalf of Eld. G. W. Mills, who has been very sick.

25. On motion, adjourned till 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION—9 A. M.

26. The Association met promptly and was led in prayer by A. Andrews.

27. The standing committees were appointed to report next session:

State Missions—W. C. Adair, J. H. Longcrier, J. W. G. Kicker.
Home Missions—J. H. Chandler, Dan'l Mitchell, J. N. Billingsley.
Foreign Missions—J. W. Mitchell, J. L. Williams, G. W. Cobern.
Education—W. J. Ruddick, J. E. Terry, W. Y. Aitchison.
Ministerial Education—H. W. Caffey, S. K. Rasberry, R. D. May.
Temperance—W. B. Strock, G. W. Patrick, H. E. Wallace.
Family Training—P. C. Dennis, O. W. Sherrer, C. H. McBride.
Bible School—A. A. Dyer, W. Overstreet, N. L. Broadhead.
Religious Literature—O. P. Bentley, J. O. Butler, R. L. Williams.

28. Committee on Preaching for next session and to select delegates to Southern Baptist Convention reported, as follows: To preach introductory sermon, C. W. Hare; alternate, W. J. Ruddick. To preach missionary sermon, J. W. Mitchell. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, A. J. Brooks; alternate, W. J. Ruddick. (H. W. Caffey was appointed a delegate on basis of contributions.) Report adopted.

29. Report of Sub-Ministerial Board read and adopted.

30. On motion, the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were all read before discussion.

31. Report on State Missions read by P. C. Dennis.

32. Report on Home Missions read by J. W. Mitchell.

33. Report on Foreign Missions read by W. J. Ruddick.

34. The reports were then spoken to by W. B. Crumpton, A. Andrews, G. E. Brewer, C. W. Hare and A. J. Brooks, and all were adopted.

35. Pending the adoption of the above reports, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we undertake to raise for missionary purposes the coming year $600, the amount suggested to us by the State Mission Board, to be divided as follows: State Missions, $300; Home Missions, $150; Foreign Missions, $150.
2. *Resolved*, That in no sense shall this be considered a *tax*, but a *request* that the churches *try* to raise these amounts.
3. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to apportion the amount out to the churches and their report be printed in the minutes.

In compliance with the above resolutions the following committee was appointed: P. C. Dennis, H. W. Caffey, E. J. Hayes.

36 The following resolution was offered by A. J. Brooks (W. J. Ruddick in the chair):

Resolved, That the pastors of our churches be requested to take up monthly collections for missions, and promptly forward the same to W. B. Crumpton.

On motion, it was adopted.

37. At 11 a. m. the missionary sermon was preached by W. J. Ruddick, after which a collection of $19.72 was taken up for missions.

38. Adjourned till 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

39. Met at 1 p. m. Prayer by H. W. Caffey.

40. Committee on Letters and Documents made their report through J. H. Chandler, and the report was adopted.

41. Report on Periodicals was presented by H. W. Caffey, and was spoken to by George E. Brewer, W. B. Crumpton, W. N. Huckabee and C. W. Hare.

42. Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers made their report and it was adopted.

43. Committee on Deceased Ministers made their report through W. B. Strock, and it was adopted.

44. The report on Education was read by H. W. Caffey, and adopted without discussion.

45. The report on Ministerial Education was read by W. J. Ruddick, and was discussed by A. J. Brooks, George E. Brewer, J. W. Mitchell, J. N. Billingsley and W. J. Ruddick. The report was then adopted.

46. The committee on Finance reported, and the report was adopted.

47. The Clerk was allowed $65.00 for printing the minutes and services.

48. The collection of this morning was divided between the different boards by resolution.

49. The committee on Apportionment made their report, and the report was adopted.

50. The report on Temperance, by T. L. Jones, was read by the clerk and adopted without discussion.

51. The report on Bible Schools, read by W. J. Ruddick and amended, was adopted as amended.

52. Report on Family Training was read by the clerk for W. W. Carter, and after earnest remarks from A. J. Brooks and H. W. Caffey, was adopted.

53. The special committee reported through J. W. Mitchell, and the report was adopted.

54. The following resolution was presented and carried:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Unity Association be tendered to the members of Big Spring church and citizens in the vicinity for their kind and generous hospitality given us during our stay with them.

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55. The following, presented by W. N. Huckabee, was also adopted after a few remarks by different brethren:

Resolved, That this Association recommend that the ladies of the different churches be asked to organize Aid Societies in each church. And also an executive committee, through which the sisters of the Association may work, and thus push forward the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

56. The Treasurer, K. Wells, read his report and it was adopted.

57. O. W. Sherrer brought $1 for missions from his Sunday-school, and it was added to the Treasurer's report.

58. The business of the Association having been completed, the Association and congregation sang 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and was led in prayer by Eld. A. Andrews.

59. The Moderator declared the Association adjourned, to meet with Mt. Carmel Baptist church, on Wednesday before the first Lord's day in October, 1891.

A. J. BROOKS, MODERATOR.

W. J. RUDDICK, Clerk.

REPORTS.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We claim to be a missionary body. John came upon an important mission; Christ came not to destroy but to fulfil. As Christ came through the infinite wisdom of his Father to fulfill, so are we left to perpetuate the plan of salvation by following and fulfilling the plan and orders as laid down by himself and the apostles; as men cannot preach unless they be sent, neither will men give unless they be taught. Give us knowledge and we will more cheerfully contribute. If this be true we must educate, and if we educate we must have instructors and all sane men will acknowledge that the instructor must be paid for his labor. Therefore, we most earnestly suggest that to partially relieve, if not entirely remove, the grand hindering cause, that the ministers at least quarterly instruct the churches in regard to the importance of giving for this cause of State Missions. Also to teach them that it is not for the sake of money for their own benefit as many think and believe, but that it is one of the means that God has given us to contribute of the money he has loaned us, to carry on the work that is assigned to us, as much so as it is our duty to offer up our devotions to our Heavenly Father.

Again, we think it would be a grand auxiliary to have some one appointed in each church, whose especial duty (in connection with the pastor) should be to urge the members to contribute as God has prospered and reason and explain why they should do so.

The work of our State Board is prosperous, and is only hindered by lack of means.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. Dennis, Ch'n.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following report:

Our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, is doing a work our State Boards cannot reach. The destitution in some of our States is so great that it is impossible for the State Boards to do all the mission work within their bounds. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That our pastors explain this important matter to their churches that they may come up to the help of the Lord, in help given to this board that they may be able to reach the great destitution lying in the States of Texas, Missouri and Louisiana.

There is in these States a flow of population from foreign lands that are without a saving knowledge of the gospel. We can, by giving a small amount from our churches, enable the board to send the bread of life to these people. Our work in Cuba, under the care of Bro. Diaz, is a great one, and with the aid of Southern Baptists the man of God will take that island for Christ Jesus.

The reports of the missionaries are encouraging and should cause us to thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Mitchell, Ch'n.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that the Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention is being pushed as fast as the money furnished by the churches will admit, and while the amount asked for by

the board was not contributed, yet an advance had been made that was really encouraging, Many new men and women have been sent to the different fields. Japan, a new field for our missionaries, has been opened and an Alabama brother is one of the workers; so, also, is his devoted wife.

While there has been much accomplished with the means given, yet there is much to be done. All of our missionaries are asking for re-enforcements. The faithful workers, among the millions of China, are but a speck on the sky and need help. Oh, how longingly they look for the helpers so often asked for, and yet they come not. Brazil has overthrown monarchy and is now a republic, giving to its citizen liberty of worship. Now is as propitious a time as can be found to add to the already too few workers in that sister republic. Mexico is advancing, but our missionaries are overworked as the people are anxious to hear the gospel. It is among the youngest of our mission fields and its growth has been marvelous.

Italy, the sunny land, headquarters of Roman Catholicism and home of the Pope, is being opened up by evangelical missionaries, our own being among the number. The work in this mission is being done very largely by men raised up by God from among the churches, our American missionaries having oversight.

In Africa the work is being carried on very quietly, but perseveringly, and it has been said of it that it was the most successful ever organized in Africa. The long war which prevented our brethren from reoccupying some interior towns once occupied, is now at an end and they are pressing on to the interior. Our workers there need re-enforcements. With these facts before us, what is it our duty to do? Is it to withhold our means (much needed) to help carry on this work? We think not. Our duty is to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. to be faithful to our Master and obey his last command: "Go into all the world."

It appears to your committee that God is certainly blessing us and showing that we are a favored people. Some other denominations are asking for men; we have the men and women ready when the means are provided. Men and women eat bread and wear clothes on the other side of the broad waters just like we do in this country, and we cannot be true to our Lord if we were to send them to starve and go naked. Some one must hold the rope, as Cary said, but this is a large one and many helpers are needed. If every member in our Southern Convention were to help and each one give as God had prospered him, there would not be too much money to carry on this great work; nor too many helpers to do the work.

Are we doing our duty? *Am I doing mine?* Let us pause a moment as we hear or read this report, and ask ourselves this question. Some one has failed as the meagre offerings prove. The Foreign Board asks the Convention for $150,000. Alabama's pro rata is $6,000 and the Unity Association is asked to contribute $150 of this, or about 7½ cents per member. Will you not do this? so little, and yet it is the littles that make the large amounts; it is so little it will not beggar any one, but when added will make an amount that will be of great help in furthering Christ's Kingdom.

Did you ever think of how you were saved? You will say, Through Jesus our Lord. But how did you hear of him? Through the preaching of the gospel. As a redeemed man or woman are you not interested in some one else's salvation? If not, you ought to be; if you are, you may say there are those nearer home. Yes, but how many privileges have they? Very many I admit, but they can hear almost any time. But the heathen and the deluded Catholic, who are to be saved just as you have been, are really anxious for the privilege of hearing of Jesus the Savior and are asking us to come over and help them. Let us give them the bread of life. Will you, dear sister, do your part? Take this as a personal appeal. My brother, will you do yours? Take it home to your heart and pray over it. As you read this report in our minutes, pray for guidance from God's Spirit as to what you are to do.

The promise given to the apostles yet holds good, and in a very peculiar manner does it come to those who go (or send the gospel) into all the world. Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world! Let us do our duty and claim the promise.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. Ruddick, Ch'n.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee submit the following report: We find ten prayer meetings and twenty Sunday-schools, with an average attendance of 660 officers and pupils. We recommend that the churches report whether or not they have prayer meetings and Sunday-schools.

We find that Autaugaville church asks that Bro Ruddick's services be continued. Pilgrim's Rest asks for aid to help build a new house.

We find four churches without pastors, and that Plantersville has called Bro. Ruddick, and ask aid to help in supporting him. We recommend it be granted.

Mt. Carmel asks for the next session of the Association, and we so recommend.

We commend the plan of sister Josie Rasberry, of Mulberry church, to the sisters of our churches for next year: A pound of butter was given for a hen, the hen and her increase given to the Lord, from which $5 00 was realized up to September 20th, and there yet remains a supply of the Lord's chickens. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Chandler, Ch'n.

ON PERIODICALS.

The presence of a good religious paper is indispensable in the home of every Christian family, and we regard it the duty of parents to avail themselves of this important help in rearing and training their children. Its weekly visits exert an influence that is invaluable over the minds and hearts of the young, inculcating a pure morality, and indoctrinating them in denominational principles founded on God's word. It imparts a knowledge of what is being done for Christ's cause at home and abroad, and keeps us in sympathy with the work that is being done to promote the Kingdom of Christ in the world, and invites our co-operation. This means is within the reach of every family in the bounds of this Association, and we have such a paper in the Alabama Baptist, and we heartily urge them to subscribe to it. We would also commend to their support the Foreign Mission Journal, which is now published in pamphlet form at Richmond, Virginia, for thirty cents a year, and the Home Field, published by our Home Board at Atlanta, Georgia, for twenty-five cents a year. The Kind Words series, and periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society, are indispensable for Sunday-school purposes. The former is under the control of the Southern Baptist Convention, which, at its late session at Ft. Worth, Texas, instituted some changes looking to a higher degree of efficiency and larger improvement, which will render this series more worthy of the patronage of the Sunday-schools within its bounds. We would also earnestly commend to the support of our brethren the Bible and Colportage Board, located at Opelika, Alabama, J. B. Collier, Assistant Secretary; and that our Sunday-schools order their literature through Bro. Collier, for the reason that the Board derives a benefit of 15 per cent. on all orders sent through them, and the school so ordering obtains the same amount of literature and we thus aid our Board to that extent without detriment to ourselves.

Respectfully submitted, H. W. Caffey, Chm'n.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report that A. G. Patrick is very infirm and is eighty years old, and C. C. Billingsley is seventy-four years old and infirm. Sister Ann Goss is eighty-four years old and infirm.

These are recommended to the Association as worthy of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Cobern, Ch'n.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that since our last meeting Eld. H. W. Watson has been called to his reward. We recommend that a page of our minutes be given to his memory.

W. B. Strock, Ch'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Upon a subject so hackneyed as that of this report, your committee can hope to offer nothing new.

In the ordinary acceptation of the word, education is confined to the training of the schools, and that course of study required in institutions of learning designed to develop the reasoning powers and strengthen the intellect, and equip its possessor with those forces required to wage the battle of life; but we think more amplitude should be given the term. An eminent American statesman has said, in connection with this topic, "The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances."

We assert it as an axiom, that all true education has a threefold purpose, viz: the cultivation of the moral, intellectual, and the physical faculties, and announce simply a profound truth in saying that to properly train a child we should begin with its grandmother.

At any rate this system of training should begin when the soul is ushered into being, continue diligently through this mortal existence and enter into that which "is within the vale;" nay, as we verily believe, goes on, and on uninterruptedly throughout the ceaseless cycles of eternity itself. Allow us here to quote some views, which appear so sound and judicious that we may well adopt them as our own:

"What is education, and how secured? Sidney Smith says, The real object of an education is, to give children resources that will endure as long as life shall last; habits that time will ameliorate, not destroy; occupations that will render sickness tolerable, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible. The formation of character, that which does more to make the real man or woman of subsequent life, the moulding forces which fix their impress more lastingly on the mind are in the home, and in the social circles where the young most live and move; there they absorb the influences around them, as the earth absorbs the rain; there the agencies concentre that fashion and indelibly stamp the character in the young for good or ill, and they are so fortunate as to remain in their homes while growing to man's or woman's estate, the character is being constantly and insensibly developed, taking on form and color that shall endure forever.

"All true education must have for its substratum the broad foundation of religious principle; the doctrines of the gospel of Christ should be thoroughly instilled into the mind and heart; there should be the most assiduous training of those moral faculties that go to make up the inner or spiritual life and character; without the cultivation and possession of which, no matter how successful we may be in the acquisition of worldly honors, social position, or wealth, life is a disastrous failure, and we fall infinitely short of the grand end for which we were created, to-wit: 'The glory of God.'"

As one of the factors in a well ordered education, we are firm believers in denominational schools, and would commend to the attention of our brethren the excellent institutions of learning, "Howard College," at East Lake, and the "Judson Female Institute," at Marion, Ala., as eminently worthy of their patronage and earnest support.

Nor would we forget a pure religious literature, as an important adjunct in this system of education, not the least of which is the newspaper, with its weekly visitations to our homes, bringing its tidings of good cheer and Christian greeting from other hearts and homes and distilling its influences like the gentle dew, "here a little and there a little," into mind and heart, insensibly directing them into pure and good channels; and in this connection we would earnestly press upon our good brethren the merits of our own home paper, the "Alabama Baptist," as not only worthy of, but preeminently entitled to their support, and a copy of which should be in the family of every member of this Association.

But lest we be tedious, let us summarize our views as set forth in this report, All true education then involves,—1st. Consecration of our children to God. 2d. Thorough and diligent home training. 3d. The constant inculcation of the doctrines and principles of the gospel, both by pre-

cept and example. 4th. Careful culture and development of the physical powers; and finally, the most thorough training of the intellect, and expansion of the mind within our reach and means. As we conceive education pursued in this order, and in harmony with this plan, will yield the largest results, and culminate in a well rounded, symmetrical, Christian manhood.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Caffey, Ch'n.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report, that the blessings of God are still upon this work, and calls from the board in its last annual report "thankfulness to God for the blessings bestowed on their labors."

There has been about $2,800.00 collected during the past year and about forty young ministers were assisted at the Seminary, Howard College and the high schools. This is again good cause for thankfulness to God, that so much has been accomplished with so little means.

Does this cause receive the contributions of the churches of this Association as it ought? Were all the pledges made at our last session paid? These are questions that force themselves on our minds. Brethren, this work is like "casting bread upon the waters," it will be gathered in the future.

Some brethren and churches may complain that they do not see the result of their contributions or reap the reward of those who give to the Master's cause by having the ministers benefited settle among us in the country. But that is selfishness, and should have no place in our hearts and minds. This is work for Christ and the advancement of his cause, and should not be narrowed down to churches, nor associations, nor even States. But as the work of a Christian is to spread the gospel world-wide, let us be satisfied that the man who is educated by our offerings is a fellow-laborer, whether he preach the gospel amid China's millions or in the humble church homes of the Unity Association.

Every claim has been met that was incurred in the prosecution of this work, but the board starts at the bottom for the coming year.

Bro. J. W. Mitchell has received about $90 from the board, he using only what monies he was compelled to have. He will continue at Six Mile High School, but may be self-sustaining in the future.

Let us be up and doing; our work must soon cease, and let our benefactions follow us into the unknown future as brethren preach Jesus, who deserved and obtained a helping hand from us. Many shall rise up and call us blessed, and shall glorify the name of him to whom "all power on earth has been given." Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Ruddick, Ch n.

SUB-MINISTERIAL BOARD.

Your board begs leave to report that Bro. J. W. Mitchell was continued as our student in the Six Mile High School, and the Board of Ministerial Education has assisted him as the necessities required. His teachers are warmly attached to him and are desirous that he remain at school. This is also Bro. Mitchell's desire, but he will be self-sustaining after this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Ruddick, Ch'n.

FINANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following as reported by the churches:

State Missions	$134 79
Home Missions	97 31
Foreign Missions	171 11
Ministerial Education	120 02
Minutes	42 50
Associational Purposes	37 40
Colportage	15 25
Judson Institute	110 00

Howard College	50 00	
Church Building (not at home)	16 50	
J. L. Thompson, Verbena	15 00	$809 88
Collection		19 72
O. W. Sherrer (Sunday-school)		1 00
Total		$830 60
Cash sent	$235 65	
Vouchers sent	433 43	
Vouchers not sent	140 80	
Cash collected	20 72	$830 60
Increase over previous year		$236 04

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. DYER, Ch'n.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT,

The committee recommend that the churches be requested to contribute the following amounts for Missions:

Shady Grove	$ 18 50	Plantersville	$ 18 50
Bethel	3 50	Bethesda	14 50
Harmony	14 50	Autaugaville	2 50
Evergreen	10 00	Big Spring	14 50
Liberty	10 50	Bozeman	113 50
Bethsalem	2 50	Shiloh	18 50
Friendship	6 50	Verbena	98 50
New Prospect	10 50	Chestnut Creek	18 50
Corinth	10 50	Providence	22 00
Cane Creek	6 00	Mt. Zion	22 00
Clanton	30 00	Mulberry	22 00
Pilgrim's Rest	6 00	Randolph	22 00
Valley Creek	10 00	Mt. Carmel	12 00
Ebenezer	22 00	Fellowship	20 00
Chestnut Hill	6 00	Sardis	6 00
Pleasant Grove	6 00	Salem	2 00
		Total	$600 00

Respectfully submitted, P. C. DENNIS, Chm'n.

NOTE—Alpine was left off the above report; will they not send $5.00?

CLERK.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To Brethren of Unity Association:

Having been appointed by your body to submit a report on Temperance, the writer of this having always been a temperate and conservative man, and having been content to represent the cause as a member of the one only society ordained and empowered by the Blessed Master to show and practice the spirit of "temperance in all things," may not be as *impassionate* as some advocates may wish, in fighting this most demoralizing, most prolific agency the devil has on earth, for hindering the progress of religion and pulling men down to perdition.

Be this as it may, he is no friend of whisky making or of whisky selling, or of whisky drinking, and it is his deliberate opinion that a church member—one who represents in his body the tabernacle of the Holy Ghost—can no more serve God and be a party to the making, selling or of drinking the vile stuff, than he can be a servant of God and steal, lie, commit adultery, forswear himself, commit murder, &c. In fact, he believes that it can be demonstrated by fair minded men, that less evil to the cause of Christ will result from an open practice of any, or all of these vices, than from the making, and dealing out to his fellow man, this far reaching, life destroying venomous creation of the devil. As an evil it has no parallel. We call your attention to the fact that 95 per cent. of all crime committed in the land is the result of rum drinking. That 90 per cent. of all litigation in the courts of the land is the result of rum drinking. Go into one of our courts of justice, and take what is seemingly the farthest removed case from

this cause and it will be found that, at the bottom, the failure which led to the litigation was caused by alcohol. Remove rum from the land and 85 per cent. of the cost of government will have gone with it. In this Christian land statistics show that more than nine hundred millions of dollars are spent annually for strong drink. These are facts that can not be questioned by any one.

The church of Christ was planted in the earth as a bulwark against which the waves of sin must be dashed in pieces. She must stand, and say to the world, as she holds forth her light to lighten the nations, "Thus far and no farther."

As the waves of evil rise dark and threatening, and the hosts of sin take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed,—mountain high above them all, there stands one black, forked-tongue, red-eyed, hideous monster, more to be dreaded than anarchy, socialism, agnostic-infidelity, or of them all, and that demon is *whiskey*.

Shall we not do all that within us lies to prohibit him? Can the church of God be unmindful of her danger? Can Christ and Belial have concord? Can a man serve two masters?

Then let the church say, and enforce her teaching by the exclusion of every one who will not hear her voice, "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing."

We have tried to think out some of the causes that may have conspired to lead to loose views, on the part of some, on this important subject.

We have been reliably informed that there are church members in this Association who pay more for whiskey than they pay either to pastor or for the spread of Christ's Kingdom on the earth.

Can it be that any of our ministers have loose views on this subject? We would not dishonor them by thinking so; but can a member in any of our churches, guilty of the above practice, call himself "a light in the world?" Is he "the salt of the earth?" Is he sending light into the dark corners of the earth? What good any one, guilty of such a practice, can hope to be to the church, or what benefit he can hope for, by keeping his name enrolled on a church book, is a sealed conundrum to this writer.

Recently the ministers in a Virginia Association covenanted together, promising each the other that they would serve no church as pastor who permitted whiskey drinking or whiskey handling in their membership, and we commend the example to this and all our Associations.

I beg to conclude this report by adding a quotation from a sermon by Dr. Talmage:

"YOU CAN NOT REGULATE WHISKEY.

"I do not know but that God is determined to let drunkenness triumph, and the husbands and sons of thousands of our best families be destroyed by this vice, in order that our people, amazed and indignant, may rise up and demand the extermination of this municipal crime. There is a way of driving down the hoops of a barrel so tight that they break. We have in this country at various times tried to regulate this evil by a tax on whisky. You might as well try to regulate the Asiatic cholera or the small-pox by taxation. The men who distil liquors are for the most part unscrupulous, and the higher the tax the more inducement to illicit distillation.

"Oh! the folly of trying to restrain an evil by government tariff! If every gallon of whiskey made, if every flask of wine produced, should be taxed a thousand dollars it would not be enough to pay for the tears it has wrung from the eyes of widows and orphans, nor for the blood it has dashed on the Christian church, nor for the catastrophe of the millions it has destroyed forever.

"I sketch two houses in this street. The first is bright as home can be. The father comes home at nightfall, and the children run out to meet him. Luxuriant evening meal. Gratulation and sympathy and laughter. Music in the parlor. Fine pictures on the wall. Costly books on the stand. Well clad household. Plenty of everything to make home happy.

"House the second. Piano sold yesterday by the sheriff. Wife's furs at pawnbroker's shop. Clock gone. Daughter's jewelry sold to get flour.

Carpets gone off the floor. Daughters in faded and patched dresses. Wife sewing for the stores. Little child with an ugly wound on her face, struck in an angry blow. Deep shadow of wretchedness falling in every room. Door bell rings. Little children hide. Daughters turn pale. Wife holds her breath. Blundering step in the hall. Door opens. Fiend, brandishing his fist, cries, 'Out! out!! what are you doing here?'

"Did I call this house the second? No; it is the same house. Rum transformed it. Rum embruted the man. Rum sold the shawl. Rum tore up the carpets. Rum shook his fist. Rum desolated the hearth. Rum changed that paradise into a hell!

"I sketch two men that you know very well. The first graduated from one of our literary institutions. His father, mother, brothers and sisters were present to see him graduate. They heard the applauding thunders that greeted his speech. They saw the bouquets tossed to his feet. They saw the degree conferred and the diplomas given. He never looked so well. Everybody said: 'What a noble brow! What a fine eye! What graceful manners! What brilliant prospects!' All the world opens before him and cries, 'Hurrah! hurrah!!'

"Man the second lies in the station house. The doctor has just been sent for to bind up the gashes received in a fight. His hair is matted, and makes him look like a wild beast. His lip is bloody and cut. Who is this battered and bruised wretch that was picked up by the police and carried in, drunk and foul and bleeding? Did I call him man the second? He is man the first! Rum transformed him. Rum destroyed his prospects. Rum disappointed parental expectation. Rum withered those garments of commencement day. Rum cut his lip. Rum dashed out his manhood. Rum, accursed rum!"

T. L. Jones, Chm'n Com.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, report that the Sabbath-school Convention held last February was very well attended, and a few schools represented. There is not the interest manifested in Sunday schools that should be. When we consider the great importance of Sunday-schools, and so little interest manifested by the churches, we are astonished at the Baptists of the Unity Association. While the Sabbath-school is not the church, it is a grand auxiliary thereof. We find, invariably, that the church which has a flourishing Sunday-school is a church in good condition, and the churches that have them are the churches that have the most gracious revivals; and they are the churches that are most liberal in their contributions. Nearly two-thirds of the additions to the churches are students of the Sunday-school. The Sunday-school has an influence upon the young which no other institution has. Hence its importance,

We find 14 churches report Sunday-schools, and in this number 910 students are in attendance, an increase since last session.

Bro. delegates, see that your churches have Sunday-schools, and see that these schools are represented in the Sunday-school Convention. We recommend Kind Words and American Publication Society's literature for our schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. Fleming, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FAMILY TRAINING.

Your committee on Family Training beg leave to submit the following:

It is a hard matter in the scope of a short report to set before our brethren their duties to the children which God has given to them, in every particular. We judge this report must refer only to the Spiritual Training of our children

God gave his law to his ancient people, "And these things which I give thee shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." How many of our Baptist people are doing this? We have

been too negligent of our children; we have left them to judge and think for themselves, without any effort to train their minds, and then become anxious when they grow old and do not give themselves to the Lord. With kindness, but yet with firmness, we can lead them to a general knowledge of God's Word, that they may early learn their condition before God, and the terms of salvation through Jesus Christ. Around the fireside is the best place. Oral instruction can never be set aside by the printed page; and if these things are in our hearts, we will not fail to comply with the commands. Many Baptists are utterly astonished if their children should forsake or turn aside from the old ways, and if the question is asked of them had they ever spoken to their children on the subject, Oh no; we left it with them to decide.

Our duty is to teach them the fundamental doctrines of God's Word, not forgetting to set a good and upright example before them, and lead them to Jesus. Let us do our part towards making them Christians, and with earnest prayer ask God's blessing on the effort.

We should not forget the family altar. God's judgments are pronounced against the families who call not on God. If the voices of prayer and praise were heard in our Baptist homes, and the earnest instruction around the fireside given, we would not have to deplore the loss of our children amid the vanities of this world or be disappointed in their choice of church relationship.

Brethren, let us return to our duty and train our children for Jesus, as there is nothing that can take the place of the fireside or family training.

W. W. Carter,
For the Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We beg leave to report the following: That the Associational Sunday-school Convention meet with Fellowship church on the third Sabbath, and Saturday before, in July, 1891. Committee on programme—pastor, deacons and superintendent of Sunday-school.

First district meeting at Evergreen on the fifth Sabbath in November, 1890.

Second district meeting at Bozeman on the fifth Sabbath in March, 1891.

Third district meeting at Clanton on the fifth Sabbath in May, 1891.

Fourth district meeting at Mulberry on the fifth Sabbath in August, 1891.

These meetings to convene on Friday before each fifth Sabbath. Pastors and deacons of churches named to prepare programmes.

J. W. Mitchell, Ch'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

K. Wells, In account with Unity Association:

Dr.

To amount from all sources in cash	$256 37
To amount in vouchers	574 03—$830 40

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By amount for minutes	$ 65 00
By vouchers	574 03
By cash for missions to be forwarded to W. B. Crumpton	191 37—$830 40

K. Wells, Treasurer.

IN MEMORY OF

ELDER

HUGH W. WATSON,

Born in North Carolina, April 5th, 1817,

Died at Randolph, Alabama, January 9th, 1890.

For many years a faithful Sunday-school Worker and Minister of the Gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one—1 Cor. 8:6; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 5:7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice—2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16.

3 We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—1 Peter 1:25; Eph. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin—Rom. 3:23, 5:12; 3:10.

5 We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature—Rom. 5:6; John 6:44; Eph. 2:1-5; Phil. 2:13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ—Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2:16-20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away—2 Cor. 12:9; Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:38-39.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism—Matt. 3:5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2:37, 38; Acts 8:38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment—Acts 17:31; John 5:28-39.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting—Matt. 25:46.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptized, approved by the church and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery—1 Tim. 4:14; Acts 26:16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper—Acts 2:42-44; 2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Cor. 11:23, 29.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as "THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

ART. 2. The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer—to be elected at each session—who shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in case of the absence of any officer, one pro tem shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART 5. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and, as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6 Any church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by consent of the members in session.

ART. 7. Any church orthodox in faith and practice, which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine or practice.

ART. 9. Any church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of each church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the church.

ART 11. If a difficulty should arise in a church, which cannot be settled thereby, the church shall call aid from two or more sister churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12. All queries must be acted upon by the churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported by letter to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered an advisory answer.

ART. 13. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

Amendment to the Constitution adopted October, 1886:

This body, realizing the great value of Sabbath-schools, will hold a Sabbath-school Convention annually, within its bounds, at such time and place as may be fixed.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with this decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.
6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion made and seconded, in order shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.
7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those in the negative, nay. If a division on the question is called for, the decision shall be made by the members rising to their feet.
9 The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another, but this article shall not be construed as to ignore the Moderator.
10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.
13. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.
14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building—(not at home).	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	Howard College (Building.)	Judson Female Institute (Building.)	S. S. Benevolence.	S. S. Expenses.	Women's Society, Home Missions.	Women's Society, Foreign Missions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.
Alpine	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 00	$	$	$ 250	$
Autaugaville	80	1 50	80	1 80		5 00		1 00								10 90	90 00		1000	
Bethel								1 50	1 50							3 00			200	
Bethesda	1 00		1 00	2 00		5 00		1 50	1 50							12 00	25 00	150 00	500	
Bethsalem								1 50								1 50				
Big Spring	2 50		2 50					1 50	1 50				3 15			11 15		20 00	800	
Bozeman	18 03		18 03	18 04				2 00				13 37				69 47	267 15	13 00	400	
Cane Creek								1 00	1 00							2 00	25 00		300	
Chestnut Creek	5 00		5 00	5 00		5 00		2 00	1 00							23 00	150 00	5 00	600	
Chestnut Hill	1 00		2 25	1 00				1 50								5 75	50 00	9 00	200	
Clanton				22 00				2 50								24 50			600	
Corinth						2 00		1 50	11 50							15 00		42 00		
Ebenezer			7 00		10 00	14 02		2 00	1 80			17 60	18 44		10 00	80 86	200 00		1300	500
Evergreen			5 00			5 00		3 00				2 65				15 65			600	
Fellowship		2 50	3 95	4 30		15 50		3 00								29 25	100 00	25 00	600	
Frindship (not rep.)																			300	
Harmony	5 50							2 00	1 00					3 00		11 50		4 10	500	
Liberty (not rep.)																			500	
Mt. Carmel		3 50	4 05	6 60		8 50		2 50								25 15	100 00	77 75	450	
Mt. Zion (not rep.)																				
Mulberry	7 80		10 80	13 40		10 00		2 50								50 50	150 00	8 00	400	
New Prospect								1 25	1 25							2 50				
Plantersville								1 00	1 00							2 00				
Pleasant Grove (no rep)																				
Pilgrim's Rest								2 00								2 00			200	
Providence						5 00		1 50	1 60							8 10				
Sardis								2 00								2 00	7 50		250	
Shady Grove						15 00	20 00	2 00	3 00		20 00	2 00				62 00		10 00	800	
Shiloh								2 50								2 50			300	
Valley Creek		4 00	2 00	4 00		10 00		1 50								21 50	50 00	4 00	500	
Verbena	31 75		63 79	32 70	4 25	30 00		2 50		50 00	110 00					324 99	400 00	77 50	1500	5 0
Salem								2 00	2 00							4 00				
Collected at Associat'n	6 57		6 57	7 58												20 72				
Randolph (not rep.)																			800	
Total	$79 95	$11 50	132 74	124 42	$14 25	130 02	$20 00	$51 75	$30 65	$50 00	130 00	35 62	21 59	3 00	10 00	$ 845 49	$1614 65	445 35	13,850	1000

STATISTICS OF UNITY ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers.	Membership Last Reported.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Rec. by Experience	Restored.	Dismis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Not accounted for.	Deceased.	Present Membership.	S. S. office's & teach's	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbath.	Prayer Meetings.	Reports Revival.
Alpine	Chilton	J. M. Selman	J. E. McCullough	Dixie	..	..	21	6	13	..	..	4	..	..	..	36	..	....	3	..	..
Autangaville	Autauga	W. J. Ruddick	O. W. Sherrer	Independence	..	..	12	....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	11	1	5	4	1	..
Bethel	Autauga	..	G. W. Weaver	Jones' Switch	..	..	12	....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	.....	4	..	..
Bethesda	Autauga	W. J. Ruddick	J. H. Bates	Independence	..	..	49	....	2	..	..	.....	..	..	..	51	5	35	4	..	..
Bethsalem	Chilton	T. E. Taylor	J. R. Vinson	Kincheon	..	1	44	4	1	..	..	1	2	6	6	40	..	..	.....	..	..
Big Spring	Autauga	C. C. Billingsley	J. M. Willis	Billingsley	..	..	87	....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	86	6	42	2	..	..
Bozeman	Autauga	J. C. Wright	C. H. Morgan	Bozeman	..	..	75	13	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	82	6	45	2-4	1	..
Cane Creek	Chilton	G. W. Riggins	Jos Gore	Clanton	..	..	53	2	4	..	..	8	..	..	1	50	..	.....	.....	..	..
Chestnut Creek	Chilton	A. E. Burns	J. H. Griffis	Coopers	..	..	86	8	6	..	2	4	1	..	..	97	6	45	4	..	..
Clanton	Chilton	..	J. H. Aldridge	Clanton	..	..	77	1	17	..	..	8	3	6	..	75	12	60	4	1	..
Chestnut Hill	Chilton	A. M. Perry	Jno. Haly	Dixie	..	..	42	12	3	..	2	6	..	..	..	53	3	20	1	..	..
Corinth	Chilton	J. L. Long	W. D Goss	Verbena	..	..	69	7	4	..	1	4	..	10	..	67	..	..	2	1	..
Ebenezer	Chilton	W. C. Cleveland	J. A. Stephens	Stanton	..	..	90	1	3	..	..	14	..	..	2	78	8	72	3	1	..
Fellowship	Dallas	W. J. Ruddick	E. W. Bailey	Plantersville	..	..	149	12	5	..	1	1	..	5	2	159	..	.....	..	..	..
Evergreen	Autauga	C. C. Billingsley	J. H. Apperson	Milton	..	..	59	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	59	9	..	3	1	1
Friendship	Elmore	..	..	..	1	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..
Harmony	Autauga	W. J. Ruddick	J. W. Durden	Milton	..	..	52	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	49	..	..	1	..	..
Liberty	Autauga	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Carmel	Chilton	G. W. Mills	W. W. Sansom	Ruddick	1	..	82	18	7	..	3	3	1	..	..	106	6	50	1	1	1
Mt. Zion	Chilton	..	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	..
Mulberry	Chilton	A. E Burns	J. L. Williams	Randolph	1	..	137	16	5	..	1	4	1	..	1	153	8	65	3	1	1
New Prospect	Autauga	Isaac Bice	B. M. Rollinson	Bozeman	..	..	20	7	12	..	..	6	5	..	1	27	..	..	3	..	..
Plantersville	Dallas	G. W. Mills	D. M. Martin	Plantersville	1	..	44	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	34	..	.....	4	..	..
Pleasant Grove	Chilton	..	..	..	2	..	64	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	..
Pilgrim's Rest	Chilton	J M. Selman	J. Lockhart	Ruddick	..	..	36	4	1	..	2	1	..	22	..	20	..	.....	4	..	1
Providence	Chilton	W. J. Bone	J. M. Roberson, Jr.	Clanton	..	..	118	17	1	..	5	11	2	..	2	126	..	.....	3	1	1
Randolph	Bibb	..	..	..	1	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	.....	.....	..	..
Sardis	Chilton	G. W. Riggins	S. B. McCary	Ruddick	..	1	27	14	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	.....	4	..	1
Shady Grove	Dallas	A. Andrews	C. A. Arnold	Selma	1	..	31	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	3	25	3	..	..
Shiloh	Chilton	Hardy Jones	J. W. Kemp	Kincheon	..	..	96	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	93	..	..	3	..	..
Valley Creek	Chilton	G. W. Mills	R. J Mitchell	Plantersville	1	..	52	4	1	..	..	5	..	..	1	51	8	37	2	..	..
Verbena	Chilton	J. C. Wright	A. J. Brooks	Verbena	1	1	89	....	8	2	..	3	..	..	1	95	9	80	1-3	1	1
Salem	Chilton	Hardy Jones	T. L. Roberson	Verbena	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	.....	..	..	..
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	4	1994	148	107	2	17	108	16	46	18	2100	90	581	....	10	7

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TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING AND OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT.

	Place of Meeting.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1855	Shady Grove . .	J. R. Sartor.....	B. B. Smith .	J. N. Gradick..	J. Nunn.....
1856	Plantersville	A. C. Patillo.....	B. B. Smith.....	J. I. Lamar. .	J. Nunn.....
1857	Mulberry.....	A. Andrews.....	B. B. Smith ...	J. I. Lamar ...	J. Nunn.....
1858	Kingston....	D. M. Lloyd.....	J. D. Moodie..	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.....
1859	Harmony.....	J. H. Ray... ...	I. U. Wilkes...	J. I. Lamar.....	J. Nunn.....
1860	Ebenezer	J D Moodie.....	I. U. Wilkes...	J. I. Lamar....	J. Nunn.. .....
1861	Chestnut Creek..	W. Wilkes.....	I U. Wilkes...	J. I. Lamar	L. B. Parker...
1862	Bethesda.....	A. Andrews.....	I. U Wilkes...	A. L. Haralson	L. B. Parker...
1863	.....	....	.....	....	
1864	Randolph	.....	.....	.....	
1865	Plantersville. ..	A. Andrews.....	A. Audrews.....	W. R. Grandy.	L. B. Parker...
1866	....	....	.....	.....	
1867	Fellowship..... ..	.....	... .	... .	
1868	Harmony	....	....	....	
1869	Bethe	A. Andrews....	A. Andrews...	W. C. Adair...	L. B. Parker....
1870	Mt. Hebron.....	W. Lee	A. Andrews...	W. C. Adair ..	L. B. Parker....
1871	Mulberry.....	J. Allen	A. Andrews....	W. C. Adair.....	L. B. Parker...
1872	Chestnut Creek	W. Lee	A. Andrews....	J. L. Williams.	W. C. Adair....
1873	Big Springs.....	J. A. Mullens....	A. Andrews....	H. E. Longerier	W. C. Adair....
1874	Plantersville.....	G. W. Mills.....	A. Andrews...	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1875	Mt Zion.....	W. Lee.....	William Lee..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1876	Ebenezer	J. A. Mullens....	William Lee..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1877	Harmony.....	A. Andrews.....	William Lee..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1878	Chestnut Creek..	F. M. Vines.....	A. Andrews...	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1879	Fellowship	A. L. Blizard....	A. Andrews...	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1880	Bethesda.....	G. W. Mills.....	J. Falkner.....	H E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1881	Mulberry	H. E. Longerier.	J. Falkner.....	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1882	Shiloh	A. Andrews.....	J. Falkner. .	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells.....
1883	Randolph	G. W. Mills.....	J. Falkner.....	H.E Longerier	K. Wells.....
1884	Harmony	W. N. Huekabee.	J. Falkner.....	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells.....
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1888	Verbena	W. J Ruddick...	A. J. Brooks...	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells.....
1889	Ebenezer	G. W. Mills.....	A. J. Brooks...	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells.....
1890	Big Springs.....	J. W. Mitchell...	A. J Brooks...	W. J Ruddick	K. Wells... ...

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